IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: S. D. Patel
YOSHIKO IIDA ET AL.)	
		:	Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 10/006,724)	
		:	Conf. No.: 3633
Filed: December 10, 2001)	
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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING)	
	APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	January 23, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2006, Applicants petition to extend the time for response to January 23, 2007. A payment of the extension fee of \$450.00 is being made concurrently Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to that Office Action, the Examiner is requested kindly to amend the above-identified application as follows, the changes to the claims being reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 5: